GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services–PR&RD Department–Allegations on failure to obtain the Service Register(SR) of the main Accused Officer, Sri D.Ravi Kumar, AEE(late) from the concerned authorities while claiming the salary and continuing him in service upto the date of his ACB trap on 28-11-2016, beyond the actual date of retirement–Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri D.Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt., PR&RD (Progs.) Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi - Charges framed –Inquiry conducted– Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 232 Dated: 05-04-2025
Read the following:-

Ref: 1.Letter Rc. NO.144/RCT-NNL/2016, dt.22.05.2019 of DG,ACB.
2.Letter RC.No.144/RCT-NNL/2016, dt 24.6.2021 of DG,ACB.
3.G.O.Rt.No.51, PR&RD (Vig.II) Det., dt 15.07.2021.
4.G.O.Rt.No.384, PR&RD (Vig.II) Det., dt 15.07.2021.
5.G.O.Rt.No.394, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.15.07.2021.
6.WSD, dt 23.12.2021 of Sri D. Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt. PR&RD Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.
7.G.O.Rt.No.813, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.08.09.2022.
8.DO lr No.60/COI-RPT/2022, dt.31.05.2023 of Member, COI, G.A. Dept.
9.Govt.Memo No.13332/Vig.II/2016-14, dt.12.07.2023.
10.Representation, dt.09.09.2023 of Sri D. Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt. PR&RD Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.

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ORDER:

The Director General, Ant-Corruption Bureau, A.P., in the references 1st and 2nd cited has furnished reports on the allegation of cheating the Government in continuing the AO, Sri D.Ravi Kumar, the then Asst. Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Dattaluru (M), SPSR Nellore Dist.(expired) in service upto the date of his ACB trap on 28-11-2016 in his office when he demanded and accepted bribe for an amount of Rs.55,000/- from Sri Lekkala Pedda Mala Konda Reddy for recording measurements of CC road works in M.Book, beyond the actual date of retirement and recommended to place the defence of Sri D. Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt. PR&RD Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, before the COI for violation of Rules 3(1) &3(2) of APCS(Conduct) Rules,1964, among others.

2. Based on the above recommendations and allegations, Government in the reference 3rd cited, accorded sanction under Rule 9(2)(b)(i) of APRP Rules, 1980 and initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri D.Ravi Kumar, the then Asst.Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Dattaluru (M), SPSR Nellore Dist.(expired) and (11) others under Rule 24 of APCS(CC&A) Rules,1991 in the reference 4th read above and accordingly, in the reference 5th read above, framed following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, against Sri D. Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary

to Govt. PR&RD Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, with a direction to submit his written statement of defense:

Charge:

The Government Servant while working as EE, PR Division, Kavali from 1.9.2015 to 28.11.2016 failed to obtain the service register of Sri Durgam Ravi Kumar, AEE from his previous station.

3. In the reference 6th read above, the Charged officer, Sri D.Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt. PR&RD Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi has submitted his Written Statement of defence and denied charges framed against him. After examining and having not satisfied with the WSD, Government entrusted the case to the COI and appointed Sri R.P.Thakur, I.P.S.(Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries as Inquiring Authority to conduct regular enquiry into the charges framed against them and also appointed PO, under Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 7th read above.

4. In the reference 8th read above, the Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, G.A. Dept., has submitted inquiry report, dt.31.05.2023, wherein, the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against the charged officer, Sri D. Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt. PR&RD Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, as proved among others.

5. In the reference 9th read above, Government have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer Sri D. Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt. PR & RD (Progs) Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, as per Rule 21 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for his representation, if any on the findings of the inquiry report. Accordingly, in the reference 10th read above, the charged officer, Sri D. Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt. PR&RD (Progs.) Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi has submitted his representation and stated that the date of event is felt or found out through Memo on 27.12.2016 and his date of retirement was on 31.08.2020 and Government have framed charge against him vide G.O. dt.15.07.2021 ie., after four years limitation and it is not accordance with APRPs, 1980 and requested to exonerate him from the charge in the matter.

6. Government have examined the subject matter and observed that the charge framed against Sri D. Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt. PR&RD Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, held as proved in the Inquiry Report, but however, the charged officer has mentioned that the date of event occurred was 28.11.2016 and charges were framed him on 15.07.2021 i.e. after more than (4) years limitation period from the date of event as per Memo, dt.15.3.2020 of Finance Dept. As such, the charge against him is not maintainable and the representation of CO considered for dropping further action against him.

7. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government hereby drop further action against Sri D. Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt. PR & RD (Progs.) Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi in the matter, as the

charge framed against him after more than 4 years limitation period from the date of event.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sri D. Sudheer Babu, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District now retired as Joint Secretary to Govt. PR & RD (Progs.) Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi **(through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada).

Copy to:

The G.A. (COI-R) Department, A.P. Secretariat.
The DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR,RD,RWS&S and EFS&T.
PS to Prl.Secy. to Govt, PR&RD. Dept.,
SF/SC(420332).

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